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TRAIL TOWN

Highway Signage Unveiled

By Carolyn Walker

The new Kentucky Trail Town highway signs were unveiled April 30 in a ceremony held at the trailhead in downtown Dawson Springs.

Elaine Wilson, executive director of the Office of Adventure Tourism, spoke to the crowd of city, county and state officials, Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park personnel and Dawson Springs residents who gathered for the occasion.

"We're here to celebrate the signs going up on the interstate," Wilson said. "It's a big day for adventure tourism, and I hope it's big day for you, too. Being a Trail Town is going to take you far into the future."

Wilson thanked the Kentucky Department of Transportation for the signs which have been installed at Exit 92 on I-69 at Dawson Springs.



ELAINE WILSON (right) executive director of the Office of Adventure Tourism speaks at the unveiling of the Kentucky Trail Town Access sign Wednesday, April 30.

photo by Charlie Beshears

MORE THAN \$95,000 IN GRANTS FOR MUNICIPAL PARK

City, State Agree To Make Street Improvements

By Carolyn Walker

A paving project approved by the Dawson Springs City Council during a special session Monday night will bring improvements to several city streets. An agreement between the city and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways will provide up to \$296,000 for resurfacing.

According to the memorandum of agreement with KYTC, areas slated for paving include the following:

- East Hall Street from North Main to East Walnut;

- West Hall Street from North Trim to North Main;
- East Walnut Street from Oak Heights to North Main;
- West Walnut Street from North Main to North Trim;
- West Keigan Street from northeast of Franklin Street to North Trim and patching at North Main and Sycamore streets;
- East Keigan Street from south of Lumber Street to Oak Heights;
- Hickory Street from Mineral to South Parker;
- Eli Street from Hickory Street to U.S. 62;
- Flower Street from School

to Locust;

- School Street from East Keigan to Flower;
- Alley #5 from Alley #4 extending to Meadows Hill Drive;
- West Ramsey Street from Ky. 109 to South Trim;
- Alley #7 from southwest of Ky. 109 to West Munn.

The council voted 4-0 to approve the agreement. Chasidy Chappell and Kenny Mitchell were not present.

A donation to the city of real estate on Water Street adjacent to the Darby House was accepted by unanimous vote. The agreement with the owners specifies that the proper-

ty is to be for public use and for utilization by the Darby House.

The council accepted a bid from Princeton Lumber Company Inc. General Contractors in the amount of \$9,856 for repairs to the municipal building. This includes structural repairs to the back side of the council meeting room and the installation of exterior lights in the front soffit. The cost of the repairs will be covered by a fund for city hall renovations. Approximately \$10,000 remains in the fund which must be spent soon.

Also on the agenda was

approval of memoranda of agreement officially accepting two 2012 grants. A \$43,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant will be used for playground equipment in the municipal park. A Recreational Trails Fund grant in the amount of \$52,670 will be used for repaving and widening the walking trail in the park, plus the addition of exercise equipment, benches and trash cans.

Both grants are 50/50 matching grants. The city's portion can be matched with in-kind work. Work on the two projects will be done simultaneously.

Postal Employees Are Collecting Food

On Saturday, letter carriers will be collecting food for families in need. All local donations will stay in the community.

Nonperishable food items for donation should be bagged and placed by the mailbox to be picked up and delivered to the local food bank.

Needed items include canned meats, fish, soup, juice, vegetables, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, and rice. Items that have expired or those in glass containers should not be included.

Principal Will Stay

Superintendent Lenny Whalen has notified The Progress that Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High principal, Kevin Stockman, who had tendered his resignation effective at the end of this school year, has asked to rescind his resignation request.

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AMONG the participants in the Dawson Springs Elementary School's fourth grade Kentucky Derby are (from left) Allie Jones, Riley Rawlins, Maddie Huddleston, Shevonne Weaver, Ashley Jennings and Avery Buntin.

photo by Beth Dillingham

I-69 INTERCHANGE

Construction Means Lane Restrictions

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is continuing to ramp up work to upgrade the Interstate 69 interchange with the Breathitt-Pennyrile Parkway and the Wendell Ford-Western Kentucky Parkway south of Madisonville. To facilitate this increased level of activity, traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction running along the Pennyrile Parkway from mile point 34.3 to mile point 35.1 starting next week.

This lane restriction with two-way traffic running on the southbound lanes will include a 15 foot maximum load width. A 55 mile per hour speed limit will be strictly enforced in this work zone with an enhanced enforcement presence.

Motorists who regularly travel through the I-69/Pennyrile Parkway/

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Obituaries

None

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 5/7	Thu 5/8	Fri 5/9	Sat 5/10	Sun 5/11
85/64	82/65	72/63	73/58	83/61
A few passing clouds, otherwise generally sunny. Warm. High near 85F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 60s.	Thunderstorms. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

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KSP Collects 1,200 Lbs. Meds On Take Back Day

The Kentucky State Police, in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, collected 1,200 pounds of prescription medications in the Eighth National Prescription Drug Take Back Day held April 26.

Many citizens took advantage of this outreach and prevention program by emptying their medicine cabinets and turning them in to KSP posts across the state.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. KSP spokesman Sgt. Michael Webb says homes in Kentucky are

safer after the take back event. "If prescription drugs are left in the house, there is an opportunity for abuse of these medications," said Webb. "This program gives citizens a safe method to dispose of unused or unwanted drugs without worrying they will fall into the wrong hands."

In Kentucky more than 1,000 people die each year from the abuse of powerful painkillers like Oxycodone and Hydrocodone. Kentucky is the fourth most medicated state in the country according to Forbes magazine, and it has the nation's sixth-highest rate of prescription drug overdose deaths. More Kentuckians are dying from overdoses than from traffic accidents.

Certified Exams Required For Commercial Drivers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will soon require drivers with commercial driver's licenses to be examined by medical professionals whom it has certified.

The new safety rule, which begins this month, pertains to health care professionals who perform medical examinations for interstate truck and bus drivers. It requires such providers to be trained, tested and certified on the specific physical qualifications that affect a driver's ability to safely operate the vehicle. The FMCSA final rule also creates a national online database of certified providers.

"Highway safety has been and continues to be our highest priority," said Rodney Kuhl, commissioner of the Department of Vehicle Regulation in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. "The men and women who operate commercial motor vehicles are critical players in our highway safety effort. It is in the public interest to do what we can to ensure that those operators are medically fit to drive."

The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners final rule as part of the agency's commitment to enhancing the medical oversight of interstate drivers and preventing commercial vehicle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities. This rule addresses National Transportation Safety Board recommendations on comprehensive training for medical examiners and tracking of driver medical certificates.

Beginning May 21, all new CDL drivers or those needing to renew their medical certificates must obtain an examination from a certified medical examiner. A Department of Transportation medical exam involves checking a range of conditions to determine a driver's medical fitness, including cardiovascular disease, respiratory and muscular functions, vision and hearing.

All commercial drivers must pass a Department of Transportation medical examination at least every two years in order to obtain a valid medical certificate, maintain a CDL and legally drive a commercial motor vehicle.



CHARLIE BESHEARS and Anita Black shared kitchen duties at the "Derby for the Darby Luncheon" Saturday, May 3.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—A 14-year-old Dawson Springs male was cited April 30 and released to his parents pending charges with a court designated worker. He was charged with second-degree burglary. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—A second 14-year-old Dawson Springs male was cited April 30 and released to his parents pending charges with a court designated worker. He was charged with second-degree burglary. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Elizabeth Massey, 27, Dawson Springs, was arrested May 1. She was charged with contempt of court (Hopkins County warrant) and failure to

pay fines (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

A Dawson Springs man was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Doyle T. Dunlap, 20, 4280 Charleston Road, was charged April 29 with theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting) on a Hopkins County warrant.

Three local residents were charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

—Aurora A. Morse, 64, Lick Creek Road, was charged April 22 with theft by deception on a warrant.

—Michael A. Dowd, 23, Nortonville Road, was charged April 27 with fourth-degree assault.

—Adam Gray, 37, Fiddlebow Road, was charged April 30 with two counts of failure to appear on Hopkins County warrants.

Sheriff's Dept. Seeks Help In April 29 Arson Case

A person of interest is being sought by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department in an April 29 arson at 550 Merrell Lane in Hanson. Neighbors of the abandoned property owned by James and Eva Merrell noticed smoke coming from the back of the house and discovered a pile of clothes burning. Donnie Daniel reported the incident to the Hanson Fire Department. The Hanson and Anton fire departments extinguished the fire. The

house was a total loss.

The sheriff's office is seeking a white female with brown hair operating a 1998-2000 model green Chevrolet extended cab pick-up truck with a sliding rear window.

Anyone with information should phone the sheriff's office at 270-821-5661.

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Department is assisted by the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office. Detective Otis Chamberlain is the reporting deputy.

Safety Efforts Underway For Motorcycle Riders

In recognition of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety is partnering with the Kentucky Motorcycle Program on the Gear Up. Train Up. Ride Kentucky campaign to remind motorcyclists to wear protective gear and receive proper rider safety training.

"Just as we ask motorists to protect themselves with a seat belt, we ask motorcyclists to protect themselves with a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear," said KOHS director Bill Bell. "Partnering with the KMP to publicize its rider safety courses is the obvious next step in our quest to reduce motorcycle fatalities and injuries on Kentucky roadways."

The KMP began in 1994 and utilizes a curriculum provided by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for each of the four courses—Basic RiderCourse, Basic RiderCourse 2, Advanced RiderCourse and 3 Wheel Basic RiderCourse. The program, administered by Eastern Kentucky University, offers courses at training centers throughout the state.

"The overall goal of the KMP is to improve the safety of motorcyclists," said Professor Terry Kline, program coordinator with the Traffic Safety Institute at EKU. "Riding a motorcycle can add value and zest to personal transportation, leisure and lifestyle. Motorcycling, like other forms of personal transportation, includes inherent risks that can be successfully minimized with proper skills, appropriate protection, riding strategies, perceptual development and habit development."

The Gear Up. Train

Up. Ride Kentucky campaign features statewide radio spots and digital ads targeting motorcycle enthusiasts, in addition to signage at gas stations, motorcycle dealerships, county clerk offices and Department of Motor Vehicle offices in counties with the highest number of motorcycle crashes. Funds for the campaign were provided by a grant through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Bell emphasizes that while this campaign focuses on motorcyclists, motorists have responsibilities as well.

"Drivers must be aware that a motorcycle, as one of the smallest vehicles on the road, can be 'hiding' in a vehicle's blind spots," said Bell. "Always check blind spots, use mirrors and signal before changing lanes or making turns."

According to NHTSA, per vehicle mile driven, motorcyclists are more than 30 times more likely to die in a crash than occupants of cars and five times more likely to be injured.

Information on Kentucky's motorcycle safety courses can be found at www.rideky.net. For NHTSA's motorcycle information page, visit www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles.

Correction

Due to incorrect information received by The Progress, the winning time in the Robocross category at the Kentucky State Science Olympiad was misreported as 2 minutes, 52 seconds. The time achieved by Claude Gaston and Christina Winfree should have been 1 minute 52 seconds.

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Four Locals Were Indicted By Hopkins Grand Jury

Indictments were returned by the Hopkins County Grand Jury April 29 for four Dawson Springs residents:

William Holt, 49, 308 W. Walnut St., two counts of theft by unlawful taking.

Rickey Winn II, 33, 185 Mine Equipment Road, two counts of theft by unlawful taking and persistent felony offender.

Daniel Adcock, 33,

25 Sixth Vein Road, two counts of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor and unlawful use of electronic means to induce a minor to engage in sexual activities.

Robert Wells, 37, 4200 Niles Road, failing to comply with sex offender registration and persistent felony offender.

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MANNING a booth for the First Baptist Church at the Mule Day event Saturday, April 26, are James Littlejohn (left) and the church pastor Bro. Jackie Perkins.

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Voter Registration Card Is Important To Keep

Voters in Hopkins County should have received their new voter registration notification cards in the mail. Please keep this card.

Precinct numbers have changed, and so have some polling locations. Again, keep this card to avoid confusion on election day.

Trevor Sewell Will Speak At Family Worship Center

Trevor Sewell will speak at Walnut Grove Family Worship Center at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Pastors Thomas Childers and Jackie Mathis invite the public to attend.

KET Announces Program

KET's Renee Shaw hosts a follow-up discussion on the issues raised by Frontline's "Prison State," which looks at the

cycle of incarceration in America. Prison State: A Kentucky Community Conversation airs tonight at 9 p.m.

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Solomon's Adversaries
I Kings 11

King Solomon was well respected by many neighboring leaders of nations but there were those who did not respect him. The LORD raised up against him an enemy. He was Hadad the Edomite, from the royal line of Edom (Esau). Years previously, when David was king and was at war with Edom and Joab was the commander of the army, they had destroyed all the men in Edom. Hadad was still a boy at that time. He and some Edomite officials who had served Hadad's father fled to Egypt where they found favor with Pharaoh.

Pharaoh welcomed Hadad and gave him a house and land and provided him with food and gave him a sister of his own wife in marriage.

When Hadad learned that King David and Joab had died he gained permission to return to his own country where he gave King Solomon trouble.

God also raised up Rezon son of Eliada as Solomon's adversary. When King David destroyed the forces of Zobah, Rezon gathered men around him and became the leader of a band of rebels. They went to Damascus, where they settled and took control. Rezon too was Israel's adversary as long as Solomon lived, adding to the trouble caused by Hadad.

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State Parks Are Planting Trees Across The State

Kentucky State Parks are planting more than 10,000 trees this spring at parks around the state under a grant from Odwalla, a juice and food company. Odwalla provided the state parks with a \$9,500 grant based on an online voting contest held a few years ago as part of the company's "Plant a Tree" program.

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park is among the parks which have started planting the trees this spring with the help of volunteer groups.

"We're using these funds to replace trees we've lost in storms as well as filling in areas to provide shade," said Elaine Walker, parks commissioner. "We appreciate the funding for the trees and the great volunteers who are helping us plant these trees."

In addition to

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park, the parks planting trees include Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Taylorsville Lake State Park, Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park, General Butler State Resort Park, John James Audubon State Park, Lake Barkley State Resort Park, My Old Kentucky Home State Park, Wickliffe Mounds State Park, Kenlake State Resort Park, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site, Carter Caves State Resort Park and Natural Bridge State Resort Park.

The state park effort is part of Kentucky's 20/20 Vision for Reforestation, a plan by the Kentucky Division of Forestry to plant 20 million trees over the next 20 years.



WINNER of the 4th grade Kentucky Derby Friday, May 2, is C J Cross.

photo by Beth Dillingham

Kentucky Can Boast Of Growing Tourism Industry

The economic impact of tourism in Kentucky amounted to more than \$12.5 billion in 2013, Gov. Steve Beshear and Tourism, Arts and Heritage secretary Bob Stewart announced Monday. The economic impact figure is a 2.6 percent increase from 2012.

"Our tourism industry continues to grow because Kentucky has stunning natural beauty, interesting and exciting attractions, and world class hospitality that make our visitors want to come back over and over again," Beshear said. "Its growth is also evidence of the hard work of tourism businesses and the professionals who work hard each and every day to make Kentucky the great destination it is."

The release of the figures coincides with National Travel and Tourism Week celebrated May 3-11 this year.

"The continued popularity of bourbon and a steady uptick in the meetings and conventions sec-

tor will be important for our ability to attract even more visitors to Kentucky this year," Stewart said. "The opening of the new convention center in Owensboro; the reopening of Kentucky Kingdom later this month; the return of normal water level at Lake Cumberland and the fact we are hosting the PGA Championship, which brings with it tremendous television coverage, all point to a great opportunity for growth this year."

The annual survey also showed that tourism was responsible for 175,746 jobs in Kentucky in 2013 — an increase of 1,740 jobs from the previous year. These jobs generated more than \$2.8 billion in wages for Kentucky workers, an increase of nearly \$72 million from the previous year.

Tourism generated \$1.3 billion in tax revenues for local and state governments in 2013, an increase from \$1.23 billion in 2012.



WINNERS for the best horse at the 4th grade Kentucky Derby Friday, May 2, are Jacob Back (left) and Natasha Wigley.

photo by Beth Dillingham

Tobacco Ranks As State's Biggest Health Challenge

**By Chuck Mason
Bowling Green Daily News**

The single biggest factor affecting public health in Kentucky is tobacco, according to the state's public health commissioner.

Dr. Stephanie Mayfield Gibson addressed public health students recently at Western Kentucky University. Gibson, a board-certified anatomic and clinical pathologist, was appointed commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health on Oct. 1, 2012. The commissioner serves as the chief executive officer for the Department for Public Health in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Gibson told students she is concerned about tobacco smoking, preventable hospitalizations and cancer incidence in the commonwealth "regardless of socioeconomic status."

The commissioner has worked to shepherd Kynect, where about 400,000 people have signed up for health insurance. Kynect is Kentucky's health insurance exchange implemented as part of the Affordable Care Act. Gibson said those signups put a sizable dent in the 600,000 of Kentucky's 4.3 million residents who didn't have health insurance when signups began.

Kentucky's public health agenda is lengthy, with tobacco leading the list. The goals are to

reduce smoking, obesity, cancer deaths and cardiovascular deaths by 10 percent. Gibson said it is "shameful" that despite cigarettes taxed at 60 cents a pack, tobacco use runs rampant in Kentucky, exposing many people who don't smoke to harmful secondhand smoke.

Additionally, many of the cancer deaths — 222 deaths per 100,000 in Kentucky compared to the national average of 176.4 deaths per 100,000 — can be tied directly to tobacco use.

"Take your public health to the streets," the commissioner said. "We need a secondhand smoke free policy and include e-cigarettes in it."

Kentucky lawmakers have approved legislation that would prevent the sale of e-cigarettes to the sale of minors. Gibson suggested WKU needs to have a completely smoke-free campus. "As students you have more power than you realize — spread the word," she said.

Keyana Boka, a senior biology major at WKU and student body president, said there has been talk by the Student Government Association to support an all-campus smoking ban if the two-year housing requirement is lifted.

"The problem is enforcement," Boka said, noting that Gibson's remarks were informative.



WINNERS for the best derby hat at the 4th grade Kentucky Derby Friday, May 2, are Austin McCutchen (left) and Allie Jones.

photo by Beth Dillingham

Authorities Differ Opinions On Cell Phone Searches

**By Andrea Moore
The Paducah Sun**

Law enforcement authorities and defense lawyers in Western Kentucky line up on opposite sides in the debate over whether police should be allowed to conduct a warrantless search of a cellphone.

The U.S. Supreme Court recently heard arguments in two cases that dealt with the warrantless search of defendants' cellphones. The Justice Department is arguing that searches without a warrant do not violate defendants' Fourth Amendment privacy rights.

An emergency where cellphone information could save someone's life is a good example of why it would be beneficial not to require police to obtain a search warrant, Mayfield Detective Sgt. Mark Watkins said.

He said a search without a warrant could help preserve evidence in some situations.

"It is becoming more and more common that defendants or friends of defendants will send kill codes to their cellphones that wipe the phone out clean," Watkins said. "At that point all evidence is destroyed."

McCracken Commonwealth Attorney Dan Boaz believes that

warrantless cellphone searches can help expedite many cases.

"A ruling in favor of warrantless cellphone searches would definitely help in cases where time is of the essence and drug cases," said Boaz.

However, some defense attorneys say privacy rights are at stake.

Paducah attorney Will Kautz hopes the court will rule that warrants are required before the police can search cellphones.

"A cellphone has the ability to store incredible amounts of information," said Kautz. "Even if I were still a prosecutor, I would be hopeful the court would rule in favor of our privacy."

According to Paducah Police Detective Justin Crowell, a case that involves imminent danger to a child would be a situation where not having to get a warrant to search a cellphone could be critically important.

However, Crowell said as long as there is any doubt about the legality of a cellphone search, the department will follow the protocol now in place and request a warrant.

"If the Supreme Court does allow warrantless searches of cellphones, we will look at it on a case by case basis," said Crowell.

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MAYOR Jenny Sewell speaks at the annual Pennyryle Political Breakfast Saturday morning, April 26, at the park lodge.

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A Third Of Fort Knox School Employees Will Lose Jobs

By Gina Clear
The News-Enterprise

About one-third of Fort Knox Community Schools' employees received letters April 28 notifying them of a change in their employment with the school system effective June 28.

Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools division chief for human resources Bryan Weekley said 100 letters were sent to affected employees. Of the 100, 88 employees were separated — or laid off — he said. Of those, 54 were professionals, including certified teachers and counselors, and 34 were support staff, including custodians, teacher's aides and administrative and cafeteria staff.

Seven employees within the school system were assigned, four were offered part-time positions and one support staff member was moved to an on-call or substitute status. Another temporary teacher's position was terminated.

The decisions were based on three qualifiers, Weekley said. DDESS first considered seniority, then veteran's preference and, finally, what type of position the employee was filling.

"The way we run our reduction in force is identical to the federal government," he said.

The separations became necessary after an 800-student decrease in enrollment because of the inactivation of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. The inactivation resulted in the closure of four schools — Kingsolver, Mudge and Pierce

elementary schools and Walker Intermediate School — at the end of the school year.

DDESS retained 205 employees to staff the four remaining Fort Knox schools — VanVoorhis Elementary School, which will house preschool through fifth grades; MacDonald Intermediate School, which will house first through fifth grades; Scott Middle School and Fort Knox High School.

Although multiple school districts were impacted by the reduction in force and had to lose a handful of employees, only Fort Knox Community Schools was forced to close schools and separate more than 100 employees. In all, Fort Knox lost 124 positions.

"We didn't have this magnitude in other installations," Weekley said.

He said prior to the letter distribution, Leo Sanchez, chief of special projects and reduction in force, and his staff took several measures to reduce the impact on employees.

To save as many positions as possible, Weekley said 132 voluntary separation incentives were offered to employees who were past retirement age or near retirement. Of those offers, 35 were accepted. He also said temporary employees were not kept and other permanent employees were moved to known vacancies in the school system.

"Obviously, we can't save all of the employees," he said.

The next step, Weekley said, is to see if any of the separated employees are willing to relocate to another military installation to fill vacancies in

those school systems.

"Folks at Fort Knox who are more mobile and can move, their chances for employment is greater," he said. "The reality for some is they're simply not mobile."

For those who can't relocate, Weekley, Sanchez and others are coming to Fort Knox to personally counsel separated employees on their eligibility for unemployment benefits and help them apply for placement assistance.

"When you have 100 people you have to talk to, it's better to do it in person," he said. "The idea is to keep folks going until they are able to find another job."

Weekley said although some separated employees are not eligible for automatic selection, they will be competitive for selection for other federal jobs because of experience gained at Fort Knox.

With the changing personnel at a military installation, Weekley said DDESS staff will continue attempting to place separated employees for two years.

"Being in a military community, the military sponsor could get an order and an employee may have to leave," he said. "We will continue to try to place folks until well after the effective date. Our placement assistance is really, really strong."

New Coal Dust Limits For Miners Issued By MSHS

By James R. Carroll
The Courier-Journal

Federal regulators announced long-awaited rules to curb black-lung disease by reducing the amount of coal dust underground miners can be exposed to — but they retreated from plans to cut exposure levels in half.

"No one should have to die for a paycheck," Labor Secretary Thomas Perez said in Morgantown, W.Va., where the new standard was announced. "It is time to put black lung into the history books once and for all."

Under the new rules, the Mine Safety and Health Administration will require miners to wear real-time dust monitors, expand dust sampling, close sampling loopholes, institute faster enforcement against violations and increase medical surveillance of miners.

The agency also will require that the concentration limits for breathable coal mine dust be cut by 25 percent to 1.5 milligrams per cubic liter of air.

"Our goal is to lower dust levels that miners breathe ... to a level that we're comfortable with," MSHA chief Joseph Main told reporters. "All of these changes collectively get us there."

The mining industry objected to the new rule, saying that incidences of increased black lung disease were concentrated only in certain areas.

"Rather than follow the evidence with a focused response, MSHA has unfortunately decided to proceed with a less effective one-size-fits-all nationwide approach," National Mining Association President Hal Quinn said in a statement. He added that the new standards "cannot be met by existing technologies."

Excessive exposure to high levels of coal dust causes black lung, which

results in disabilities and early death. Large amounts of coal dust also are an explosion hazard.

Black lung has caused or contributed to the deaths of more than 75,000 coal miners since 1968, according to the Government Accountability Office. The government also has paid out more than \$45 billion in black-lung benefits since 1970.

Kentucky had 11,181 underground coal miners in 2012, second in the nation only to West Virginia's 17,065 miners, according to the National Mining Association.

The United Mine Workers of America declined immediate comment, saying it was reviewing the 991 pages of new rules.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has accused the Obama administration of a "war on coal," but he did not immediately comment on the new dust rules. His office did not respond to a request for comment. Neither did the campaign of his Democratic opponent, Kentucky Secretary of

State Alison Lundergan Grimes.

But Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, whose father was a coal miner who contracted black lung, praised the new regulations.

"Today is an historic day for America's hard-working coal miners," he said in a statement. "With these new protections, they will no longer have to go to work living in fear that they will one day get sick and suffer from black lung disease."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's occupational safety institute found that among Kentucky miners medically examined between 2005 and 2009, 9 percent were diagnosed with black lung disease.

Reports, including a 2009 institute study, also show a doubling of black lung cases in recent years, and a 2012 investigation by National Public Radio, the Center for Public Integrity and The Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette showed the number of miners with advanced stages of black lung disease had quadrupled since the 1980s.



ETHAN JOHNSON receives a prize from Miss Mary at the Easter egg hunt held Thursday, April 17, at Veterans Memorial Park for library storyhour children.

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Nothing can be done about stupid

While talking with a friend the other day about what someone had done that was illegal, she had a great answer as to why they did it.

“There’s nothing you can do about stupid,” she said.

That was true in that instance, and it’s proven to be true once again.

The owner of the Los Angeles Clippers is undoubtedly a smart man — at least when it comes to making millions and millions of dollars. But how many people do you know who are brilliant in one way and just plain stupid in other ways? It appears Donald Sterling may be one of these people.

In case a cave has been your place of residence for the past weeks or keeping up with the news is not something you care anything about, Sterling and his wife own the Los Angeles Clippers, an NBA team. The Clippers have finally, after years of being one of the worst teams in the NBA, become a very good team with a chance to go far in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, one of which appears to be a long line of Sterling’s girl friends, taped one of his conversations with her. In the conversation he allegedly said some things that were offensive and racist — along with being pretty stupid.

Now the young lady doesn’t appear to be a saint because anyone who would tape another person’s private conversation isn’t a very nice person. The evidence would never be admissible in a court of law. However, taping someone’s conversation and then disclosing it can be very damning to the individual saying the stupid remarks.

That’s where Sterling is. The NBA has fined him \$2.5 million and say he must sell his basketball team. Many in the rest of the world have chastised him, calling him a racist.

You just can’t do much about stupid. But the NBA, a league with several quite eccentric owners, doesn’t want one to be quite that stupid.

Eleven friends accompanied me last week on a golf outing to Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park. Along the way we played 18 holes at Barren River Lake State Resort Park.

The weather was cool, and the golfers were anything but hot at the game. It was cart path only until Saturday. We played 18 holes Wednesday, 36 holes Thursday and Friday and 18 more on Saturday before heading back home. Needless to say, most of us boys had some sore legs to go with sore scores.

Some of the scores were not good, but some weren’t too bad. Nobody played great, and nobody played completely terrible. It’s fair to say we all had a very good time.

Other than myself, the others taking the trip were Bobby Abbott, Dr. Craig Amundson, Jim Brantley, Dwight Bruce, Phillip Bruce, Van Fleming, Donnie Knight, Mike Mathis, Phillip Parker, Joe Roberts and Teddy Taylor.

Abbott had the best score on the trip, and somebody (or a few somebodies maybe) had rounds in the 100s.

If golf is something you enjoy, then the state park at Dale Hollow is a golf course worth trying. The sand traps are mostly horrible, as are most on the courses around here, but the greens and fairways are very nice. The course is tough, a little bit long and a lot uphill on many shots.

The sounds of turkeys gobbling and the sight of deer were common occurrences. On one occasion I bent down to pick up a golf ball I had found and almost picked up a rather large, supposedly non-poisonous, snake. Of course, this is the same place where Abbott had a small copperhead snake is his room. It was said he tried to kill it with his bare feet. The food was good, the friendships were great, and the golf was very enjoyable.

We should do it again sometime.

Meanwhile, back in Dawson Springs, we found out the principal at the junior/senior high school had asked that his resignation be rescinded. We are very happy Kevin Stockman has reconsidered and it looks as if he will be back with the school system next year.

From what we can tell from here, Stockman is a very good principal. One thing our school needs, other than a very good principal, is some continuity in that position.

We are glad to have him back. Now if we can just get him on the golf course.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the moms out there, but especially to my mother, Pollyanna, to my children’s mother, Beth, and to my wonderful granddaughter Clara’s mother, Jenny. Hope you all enjoy your day.

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Commentary... Bold actions are needed

By Jim Waters

April in Kentucky began with thunder and lightning striking in Jamestown as Fruit of the Loom announced the closing of its last remaining factory in Kentucky and the relocation of its manufacturing operations — and 600 jobs — to Central America.

The month ended with strong economic winds blowing through northern Kentucky as Toyota announced it was consolidating its operations — including those of its Erlanger facility — at a new headquarters in Plano, Texas. Kentucky will lose most of those 1,600 jobs.

None of the blame and spin found in abundant supply among the politicians’ reactions to these announcements really matters.

What does matter is the understanding that Kentucky must create an economic umbrella that helps it weathers future storms created by a volatile economy.

For years, large companies have been consolidating their operations just as manufacturers shed low-skilled textile jobs in favor of cheaper labor elsewhere.

While some clench their fists and pound their tables, swearing to “buy American” while promising never to buy another package of Fruit of the Loom undies, there’s a better way.

It’s found in following, not fighting, these companies’ approach. They have made these decisions based on what will make their operations more competitive. Kentucky should do the same.

Gov. Steve Beshear bemoaned Toyota’s announcement, saying his administration “would have welcomed the opportunity to discuss options with Toyota.”

More talk, discussion and spin by a lethargic and risk-averse gubernatorial administration isn’t what’s needed. Rather, our economic times demand bold action to improve Kentucky’s competitiveness.

The discussion must no longer be limited to questions like: How can we keep these jobs from leaving?

Rather, our economic policies need to provide the answer to: How do we convince the Toyotas of the world not just to keep those 1,600 jobs here, but to actually consolidate their operations and build their headquarters here, including bring all of those other jobs to the Bluegrass State?

And, it’s: How can we create an economic atmosphere so dynamic that a textile manufacturer leaving is a few raindrops versus a torrential downpour?

I haven’t heard any such higher-level discussion coming from the governor’s office.

Common economic sense tells us that a state with high corporate tax rates, heaping helpings of debt, a lack of business-friendly labor practices and a poorly performing education system will not be competitive.

Kentucky for several consecutive years has remained one of the Institute for Truth in Accounting’s five “sinkhole states,” meaning the commonwealth continues to have some of the highest per-taxpayer debt in the nation.

Each Kentucky taxpayer carries a \$26,700 burden as a result of



JIM WATERS

that debt, compared to a taxpayer burden of only \$7,400 in Texas.

How does having an economy, like some of its Corvettes, disappearing in a sinkhole make our state more economically competitive?

How does having a state education system where, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 36 percent of its

fourth-graders are proficient readers, 30 percent of eighth-grade students are math-proficient and 28 percent of eighth-graders are adequate writers position Kentucky not just to keep some manufacturing jobs but to get the plum headquarters jobs of the future?

How do we compete with a state like Texas, where 178,000 kids today attended 550 public charter schools (with hundreds more opening soon) while Kentucky has no school choice and an entrenched teachers union committed to keeping it that way?

How does Kentucky with its punitive income taxes, lack of a right-to-work law and citizenry increasingly dependent on government programs and “benefits” compete with the likes of the Lone Star state, where there are no income taxes, lots of freedom and apparently just as much opportunity to go along with it?

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Other editors

Animal cruelty laws need toughening

Recently a Paducah man pleaded guilty to hanging his dog from a tree in the backyard of his home on Sixth Street. County animal control officers, acting on a tip, searched Kenneth Boyd’s property on March 24. They discovered Boyd’s pit bull mix buried in the yard and found a collar with an extension cord tied to it in a building on the property. Boyd pleaded guilty during a court appearance last week to misdemeanor second-degree animal cruelty, the worst offense he could be charged with under Kentucky law, and received a one-year sentence.

The Paducah Sun carried a similarly disturbing story about a Tennessee man who was sentenced to one year and four months in prison for killing a puppy by putting it in a dishwasher, turning it on and leaving the dog to die. At least in Tennessee that offense is a felony, although again the sentence seems too light.

We recite those episodes to note this: Kentucky’s animal cruelty laws are some of the most lenient in the nation. The Humane Society of the United States ranks Kentucky 43rd in the nation when it comes to the strength of its animal protection laws. The Animal Legal Defense Fund has gone farther, ranking Kentucky worst in the nation in its 2013 annual report.

There was a move afoot during the 2014 legislative session to strengthen Kentucky’s animal cruelty laws. In fact, there was legislation introduced the session prior as well. But both times the measure remained bottled up in committee, in part due to sportsmen who — with good reason — regard some of the animal rights groups backing the measure with suspicion.

State Rep. Will Coursey, a Benton Democrat, sponsored this year’s legislation to toughen cruelty laws. It was introduced in the House Feb. 19, assigned to the House Judiciary Committee the next day, and has not been heard from since. Among other steps, the measure would classify as torture a failure to provide an animal with minimum care such that a serious injury results. It would also give animal control officers power to take custody of an animal if an officer felt the animal was in imminent danger.

Coursey is philosophical about the difficulty getting action on his bill. “Often times it takes a little time for good legislation to make it through the process,” he says.

He says it continues to be a chore to build a comfort level with the bill among such diverse groups as the League of Sportsmen, the Kentucky Houndsmen Association, and animal rights groups. He says while virtually every animal abuse law in Kentucky has

provisions protecting hunting activities and groups, it is still difficult to get hunters and other activists on the same page.

That is understandable. Some of the more aggressive animal rights groups have taken to attempting to disrupt hunts and hunters in the field, sought to ban fishing as cruel, and resorted to other overzealous tactics. In so doing they have undercut their own cause by generating enmity among people who generally share an interest in animal welfare and wildlife resource preservation.

Clearly, making it more than a misdemeanor in Kentucky to criminally neglect, abuse, torture or kill domestic animals is a worthy effort and action is overdue. Stronger penalties are appropriate and necessary. But as always the devil is in the details.

It stands to reason that acceptable language can be found to toughen animal cruelty laws while protecting the legitimate interests of sportsmen. We commend Rep. Coursey for his efforts in this regard and encourage him to stay the course.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, May 6, 2004.)

Ella Claire Midkiff was born Wednesday, April 21, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds.

The funeral for Mrs. Lu Ann Davis, 69, was held Saturday morning, May 1, at Beshear Funeral Home.

A graveside service for Clint N. Baker Jr., 79, was held Tuesday afternoon, May 4, at Rosedale Cemetery.

25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, May 4, 1989.)

Nearly \$9,000 in equipment was stolen last week from a Kentucky Utilities Co. storage area on West Munn Street.

The funeral for accident victim Danny Leon Woodruff, 20, was held Sunday afternoon at Lake Grove General Baptist Church.

Services were held for Isaac Fox, 60, Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church.

The Panther softball team fought back last Friday at home against Webster County to gain a come-from-behind 15-14 win.

50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, May 7, 1964.)

Hopkins County fiscal court voted unanimously at its session Saturday morning to remain on Central Standard Time.

This afternoon will be the first Thursday afternoon closing for this summer season for 19 local business firms.

Diane Miller entertained with a party on her 13th birthday Saturday, May 2, at the Outwood recreation hall.

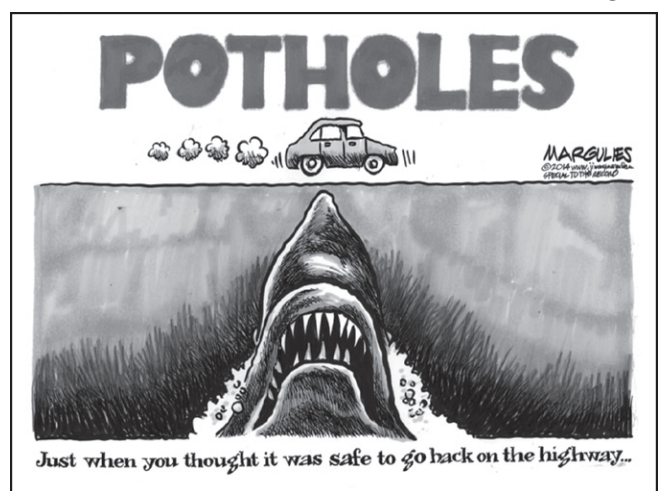
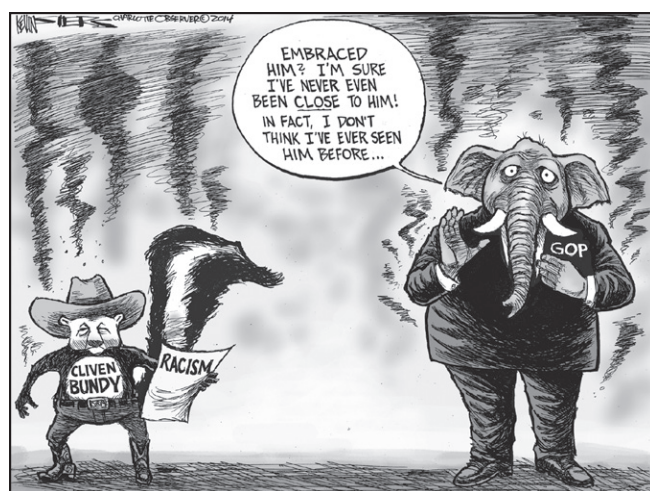
Michael Wayne Fields was born Monday, April 27, in the Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. He weighed nine pounds and seven ounces.

Funeral service for John Chester Korb, 45, will be this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Moments in time...

- On May 10, 1749, the 10th and final volume of Henry Fielding's novel "Tom Jones" is printed. The serialized novel told the humorous story of the attempts of the illegitimate but charming Tom Jones to win his neighbor's daughter.
- On May 5, 1904, Boston Red Sox pitcher Cy Young (born Denton True Young) throws a perfect game against the Detroit Tigers. It was the first perfect game of the modern era; the last had been thrown by John Montgomery Ward in 1880. It was the second of three no-hitters that Young would throw, and the only perfect game.
- On May 9, 1926, according to their claims, polar explorer Richard E. Byrd and co-pilot Floyd Bennett fly over the North Pole in a triple-engine Fokker monoplane, the Josephine Ford. However, the discovery in 1996 of the diary that Byrd kept seemed to suggest that he and Bennett may have turned back 150 miles short of the pole because of an oil leak.
- On May 6, 1940, John Steinbeck is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his novel "The Grapes of Wrath." The book traces the fictional Joad family of Oklahoma as they lose their family farm and move to California in search of a better life.
- On May 7, 1965, in a Clearwater, Fla., motel room, a bleary-eyed Keith Richards awoke, grabbed a tape recorder and laid down one of the greatest pop hooks of all time: The opening riff of "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." He then promptly fell back to sleep.
- On May 8, 1984, claiming that its athletes will not be safe from protests and possible physical attacks, the Soviet Union announces that it will not compete in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. The boycott was a response to the decision of the United States to boycott the 1980 games held in Moscow.
- On May 11, 1997, IBM's supercomputer Deep Blue makes chess history by defeating chess champion Gary Kasparov. The Russian master conceded defeat after 19 moves in the sixth game of the tournament. It was the first defeat of a reigning world champion by a machine in tournament play.

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Other editors

One vote shouldn't decide man's fate

Ever hear of a nine-member board whose rules allow it to meet when it has a quorum but whose actions require five votes?

We hadn't until April 8, when Kentucky's Legislative Ethics Commission met to decide if former state legislator John Arnold was guilty of ethics charges brought by three female legislative staff members.

Only five of the members were in attendance at the meeting and the group's rules require five votes to affirm a motion. The vote was 4-1 on each of the three counts. Three members, Norma Scott, Deborah Jo Durr and Paul Gudgel were absent, and one seat is vacant.

The board's chairman, George Troutman, and vice chairman, Pat Freibert, were joined by commission members Vernie McGaha and Bob Fulkerson in voting to find Arnold guilty of ethics violations.

Elmer George cast the lone dissenting vote. George was attending his first meeting, having been appointed to the board by House Speaker Greg Stumbo in January.

Steve Downey, Arnold's attorney, told reporters after the five-and-a-half hour hearing that, "We've very happy justice was done here."

Well you can say justice was done because technically it was according to the Legislative Ethics Commission's rules, where the vote of one person is enough to overrule the vote of four others.

But no one can actually think that is justice. Certainly not the three women who have accused Arnold of wrongdoing, two of whom also filed a civil suit against the former legislator.

"Women who are being sexually harassed here in Frankfort, you can just forget it," one of the women, Yolanda Costner, said.

Who can blame her for feeling like she was wronged by the commission's vote, when four of the five members present believed Arnold inappropriately touched her and the other complainants, Cassandra Cooper and Gloria Morgan.

The three women should also be miffed at legislative leaders and the three commission members who

missed the meeting.

A position to be appointed by legislative leaders has been vacant for two years and there is absolutely no acceptable excuse for that.

This is the board charged with investigating the ethics of legislators, lobbyists and employers of those who engage legislative agents. That legislative leaders themselves have left vacant a seat on the board is an egregious abuse of their power.

Commission Chairman Troutman said he had no idea three members would be on vacation when the meeting date was set.

Since meetings are regularly scheduled for the second Tuesday of every month, it is not like the meeting date just crept up on anyone.

Being on any board can be difficult, and members do get sick, have conflicts and go on vacations.

But this group meets infrequently. It met four times in 2013 and three times in 2012. At only one of those meetings was every member present (not counting, of course, the vacant seat).

When a group meets that rarely, it seems it would be easy to find dates for vacations that would not conflict with meetings.

We suggest legislative leaders immediately fill the vacant seat on the commission, that those on the commission attend the meetings, and the bylaws be rewritten to allow a majority vote to rule.

Steve Downey said he believes justice was served. Legislative leaders and commission members should ask themselves if they think justice was served. Or if they believe a mockery was made Tuesday of an important subject — ethics — they were appointed to investigate.

We don't know how Norma Scott, Deborah Jo Durr and Paul Gudgel were going to vote.

But we know you can't vote if you are on vacation. And we know being on vacation when you should be at a meeting is wrong.

—The State Journal
Frankfort

Other editors

Health law is gaining ground

Kentuckians don't much like Obamacare.

But they really like kynect, the state's new online health insurance exchange, created through the Affordable Care Act — which, is of course, what critics call Obamacare.

And in three Southern states where political races could help shift power in the U.S. Senate — Kentucky, Louisiana and North Carolina — a majority of people would rather Congress improve the law rather than repeal and replace it.

Those are the results of a new poll on the health care law by The New York Times/Kaiser Family Foundation.

While the poll demonstrates some conflicting views and unfamiliarity with the law, it makes one thing clear: People in Kentucky and elsewhere want access to health care and are fed up with Republicans' four-year war on the health law.

"I'm tired of them saying, 'Repeal, repeal, repeal,' " a Louisiana Republican told the Times. "They need to make it better."

The findings should be a nasty shock to Republicans, who have staked their success on demonizing the 2010 law. This includes Kentucky's senior Sen. Mitch McConnell, who has called it a "train wreck" and vowed repeatedly to repeal it "root and branch."

Not only do a majority of people in Kentucky (53

percent) think the health exchange is working well in Kentucky, 52 percent want Congress to keep and improve it, not repeal it.

The poll finds Mr. McConnell, a Louisville Republican seeking a sixth Senate term, in a dead heat with Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, his likely opponent in November.

It looks like his bashing of the health law isn't resonating with voters in a state where around 640,000 people had no health coverage prior to Obamacare.

Meanwhile state officials this week announced results of the stunning, successful debut of Kentucky's health exchange, an online site where people may shop for health coverage.

Some 413,000 people signed up for health coverage before the March 31 deadline, with state officials estimating that fewer than 200,000 Kentuckians now lack coverage.

"This is working," exulted Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat who ordered creation of Kentucky's exchange despite hostility of Republicans and fear from Democrats of GOP attacks.

Timid Kentucky Democrats need to step up and join U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, a Louisville Democrat, in embracing the law that will bring health care to so many Kentuckians who need it so much.

—The Courier-Journal

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SERVING at the Knights of Columbus food booth at the Mule Day event Saturday, April 26, are (from left) Steve Scott, Dave Schreckenberger and Donnie Mills.

photo by Charlie Beshears

Spring Fire Hazard Season Ended

The spring forest fire hazard season in Kentucky officially ended on April 30. Despite the recent heavy rainfalls, 1,171 wildfires have burned more than 35,613 acres in the state since the first of the year. Most of these fires were due to arson; in fact, more than 60 percent of wildfires in Kentucky in the past five years have been intentionally set.

Citizens who have information or who have witnessed suspected arson activity are asked to

phone the nearest Kentucky Division of Forestry office, Kentucky State Police post or the Target Arson Hotline at 1-800-27-ARSON.

Outdoor burning can lead to wildfires. Before conducting any outdoor burning, citizens are advised to be familiar with the applicable regulations. Citizens should contact the Division for Air Quality, the Division of Waste Management, as well as the Division of Forestry and local fire departments to ensure

that they are complying with all outdoor burning laws. Wildfires are less likely during the summer months but can still occur if conditions are dry.

For more information about fire hazard seasons, outdoor burning laws and safe burning practices, visit forestry.ky.gov.

Principal

—Continued from front page

“I am pleased to rescind this and excited that Principal Stockman is staying with us,” Whalen said. “I believe he will continue to push us forward.”

The request will be acknowledged during personnel action at the May 19 board meeting.

Streets To Be Improved

—Continued from front page

Western Kentucky Parkway interchange south of Madisonville may have already noticed construction work on crossovers in this work zone. Once

those crossovers are completed, all traffic will move to the southbound lanes with two-way traffic. A median barrier wall will be used along this restricted section for about 8/10 of a mile.



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Drug Sweep Includes Two Locals

Two Dawson Springs residents were among those arrested during a drug round-up conducted by Kentucky State Police April 30 in the Post 2 area. After extensive, covert investigations, multiple arrest warrants were obtained for individuals throughout the district. Troopers and detectives executed the arrest warrants on individuals in Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Todd counties.

Michele Stevens, 21, of Dawson Springs, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cody McCune, 21, also of Dawson Springs, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first-degree; possession of a controlled substance, second-degree; and possession of a controlled substance, third-degree.

Other Hopkins County residents charged were Cynthia Avalos, 31, of Madisonville, trafficking in a controlled substance,

first-degree; Ellie Sigers, 39, of Slaughters, possession of drug paraphernalia; Tiffany Hibbs, 39, of Madisonville, trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree and trafficking in a controlled substance, second-degree.

In Caldwell County, Edward Young, 47, of Princeton, was charged with possession of marijuana.

A Christian County resident, Jaquavian Spencer, 19, of Hopkinsville, was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree, and trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces.

Several people in Muhlenberg County were charged in the round-up. They were Victoria Krysa, 26, of Powderly, trafficking in a controlled substance, second-degree; Finis Pendley, 36, of Greenville, trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree and trafficking in a controlled substance, second-degree; Kristan Wells, 25, of Bremen, trafficking in

a controlled substance, second-degree; Rica Shepherd, 21, of Bremen, execution of a warrant for another agency.

Also, Matthew Lovins, 20, of Central City, possession of a controlled substance, first-degree (cocaine) and possession of a controlled substance, first-degree; Matthew Embry, 27, of Belton, trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree (Oxycontin), and trafficking in a controlled substance, second-degree; Craig Keys, 48, of Central City, possession of a controlled substance, second-degree (amphetamine).

Two Todd County residents were charged. John Smith, 21, of Elkton, possession of a controlled substance, first-degree (methamphetamine), prescription controlled substance not in container; possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; and Connie Summers, 45, of Allensville, trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree (cocaine).



APPEARING in their Derby finery, these ladies (from left) Sally Jackman, Brenda Hamby, and JoAnn Lanham, attended the “Derby for the Darby Luncheon” Saturday, May 3.

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At left, Panther third baseman David Price prepares to throw to first base after fielding a grounder during Monday's game with Crittenden County at Riverside Park. Above, second baseman Kevin Brooks tries to get the tag on a Rocket player but the runner was ruled safe. Crittenden won the game 15-0.

BASEBALL

Big first inning carries Webster past Panthers

The Panther baseball team's losing streak reached six games with a 13-3 loss Saturday at Webster County (6-18). The Panthers won their only game of the year 17-6 on April 21 at Christian Fellowship.

After holding the Panthers scoreless in the first, the Trojans batted around and scored eight runs in their half of the opening inning. Webster County scored two more in the bottom of the second to take a 10-0 lead.

The Panthers got one back in the third when Brad Puckett hit a two-out single and stole second. He scored on Austin Hart's RBI-single.

Webster County came back with another run in their half of the third and another in the bottom of the fourth for a 12-1 lead.

The Panthers scored twice in the top of the fifth to pull within 12-3 and force the Trojans to bat in the bottom of the inning.

David Price and Taylor Edwards opened the inning with back-to-back

singles. After an out, Puckett delivered a triple, scoring both runners.

The game was over in the bottom of the inning when the Trojans scored once with nobody out.

Brewer started on the mound for the Panthers but only lasted one inning. Puckett relieved and finished the game.

Cole Collins also had a hit for the Panthers.

The Panther junior varsity won their game with the Trojans 5-3. It was the third win of the season for the junior varsity squad.

The Panthers scored two in the first, two in the third and one in the fifth.

Webster County scored two in the first and one in the second to take the lead, but only for a short time.

Eighth grader Kevin Brooks went the distance on the mound for the Panthers and Collins had two hits.

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Panthers	0	0	1	0	2	3
Webster Co.	8	2	1	1	1	13

Crittenden County blanks Panthers at Riverside Park

The Panther baseball team lost Monday to Crittenden County at Riverside Park by the score of 15-0.

The junior varsity also lost 8-1. (The scorebooks were not available at press time.)

"Our offense has died," Panther head coach Brady Brooks said. "It's just shut off. We need some batting practice."

The Panthers traveled to Crittenden

County for a return engagement Tuesday. The score was not known at press time.

McLean County will visit Riverside Park tomorrow. The Panthers will celebrate senior night before the game.

The final three regular season games are on the road at Todd County Central Friday, at Lyon County Tuesday and at Fort Campbell May 16.



Panther baseball coach Brady Brooks gets his head shaved by senior Brad Puckett at Riverside Park. Brooks told the team they could shave his head if they won three games. They have won four (counting JV).

SOFTBALL

Girls drop road games to 7th District foes

Without their regular starting pitcher, the Panther softball team dropped two district tilts last week.

Courtney Copeland, the Panthers' freshman pitcher in every game this year until the April 30 game at Madisonville-North Hopkins, sustained an injury in a non-softball accident. It's not known how long Copeland will be out.

Meanwhile, the Panthers used fellow freshman Erin Woolsey in the game against the powerful Maroons (16-2) and Friday at Caldwell County (7-16).

The Maroons blasted the Panthers 18-0 in three innings. The game was over early due to the 15-run rule after three innings of play. Since the Maroons were the home team, they only batted two times, scoring three in the first inning and 12 in the second.

The Panther offense only put the ball in play three times, striking out five times. Two runners reached base on walks, but one of them was thrown out trying to steal.

Woolsey struck out two, walked five and hit four in her first start.

In Friday's game at Caldwell County, the



Shortstop Tori Bullock tries to get the tag on Caldwell County's Sarah Nix during action last week in Princeton, but Nix is called safe on a close play at second base.

Heroes? We must search harder these days

Unhappy is the land that is in need of heroes.

— Bertolt Brecht

Sport in America today requires we search a little harder, be more selective, for genuine heroes. Considered the mountains of money and cynical judgements of Donald Sterling in Los Angeles and parade of self-righteous howling critics, who could blame the fan on the street from throwing up his/her hands in disgust. Yet, heroes can be found every day, most every place.

This week, a handful of qualifiers.

1. California Chrome. In 2008 the Derby winner's mother, Love That Chase, was bought for a pittance, \$8,000. Then Steve Coburn and Perry Martin bred their mare to a \$2,000 nag ... uh, stallion. An investment that moved another trainer to call Coburn and Martin dumb asses for even getting into horse racing.

Coburn and Martin used the scathing criticism to name their operation DAP Racing. Dumb Ass Partners produced a foal to be named California Chrome.

Heroic, seems to me, to spin insult into self deprecating humor (DAP) into Kentucky Derby success story.

2. Jon Hood. University of Kentucky graduate tweeted followers last week: "I leave this great university in less than a week for good. It has meant the most to me over the past five years. Given me so many memories. I love UK and couldn't be happier about the relationships I formed and what we accomplished as a team."

3. Wisconsin center Frank Kaminsky will return to the Badgers next season. "I'm at the pinnacle of my basketball playing career, at least in my eyes," he blogged. "I know the NBA has (its) crazy fans and all, but if you look at their games, there are games when teams like the Bobcats get hardly any fans, and it looks flat out boring."

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Sports in Kentucky

fans every single time we step onto the court. When we travel, we play in front of sell out crowds who absolutely hate us. Not because of who is on the team, but because of where we go to school. Who could leave that?"

COMMENT: NBA flat out boring? I like it.

4. Tod Lanter, Brian Long and Sam Malone. Kentucky men's basketball was well represented on the Southeastern Conference honor roll for winter semester. Junior-to-be Alex Poythress is on his way to a degree in accounting; Jarrod Polson earned a degree in Finance/Marketing.

But the go-to-guys on this Wildcats team were Lanter, Long and Malone. Walk-ons, they were stars who carried the team to 3.0 GPA and All-SEC honors.

5. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. In a Time Magazine editorial about the Donald Sterling flap, Abdul-Jabbar reminded the self-righteous among us about certain truths. "Shouldn't we be equally angered by the fact that his private, intimate conversation was taped and then leaked to the media?" he wrote. "Didn't we just call to task the NSA for intruding into American citizen's privacy in such an un-American way?"

COMMENT. Abdul-Jabbar's access to high places — Time Magazine and ABC Television to air his views, is a reflection of how far most Americans have come with racial issues.

That one rich white man (Sterling) can generate such self-righteous rage across the sports spectrum is peculiar on its face.

America. I love this place.

Calipari's pinnacle place

In a matter of weeks, and before their 21st birthdays, Johnny Manziel ... Jabari Parker ... Julius Randle will our newest multi-millionaires. A place (too) many Americans consider the summit of success.

If I were choosing a person standing squarely at a pinnacle place in life today, would be John Calipari.

Kentucky's ball coach is on R&R these days after hip surgery. A respite that gives the 55-year-old coach pause to peer down from his summit and evaluate treasure and where he is in life.

✓ Bonus money added to more riches than he can spend in a lifetime.

✓ Book gone up the best seller list.

✓ Nerve and clout enough to suggest the NCAA let him have a hand in solving some of basketball's (play for pay) problems.

✓ Courted by the most storied sports franchise this side of the Celtics, the Los Angeles Lakers.

✓ Resume includes an NCAA title, two more Final Fours and more market potential than Rick Pitino ever enjoyed at Kentucky.

✓ To know his next team is ranked No. 1 in the nation before practice balls are tossed out at Craft Center ... again.

✓ Recruiting for next year is already in hands a new guy with quick lips, named Slice.

✓ Transcending all these things for Calipari, all of them — health and family.

Epilogue: A warning looms also as job demands and pressure Calipari.

✓ Much as John Wooden became prisoner to success and despised his Wizard of Westwood title, Calipari has R&R time to reflect on his legacy also.

Even as he tries to walk back from the label, almost certainly it will include a not-so-endearing term.

Let's see ... Adolph Rupp: Der Baron, Man in the Brown Suit; Joe B. Hall: Joe B.; Rick Pitino: Man with Midas Touch; and John Calipari: One and Done.

Worth repeating dept.

Sophomore-to-be at Kentucky Derek Willis was succinct enough when he tweeted the other day: "I am not transferring or leaving Kentucky! Quit bothering me about the situation . It is annoying and untrue."

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

Striped bass make comeback at Cumberland

By Lee McClellan

A jointed Thunderstick or Redfin lure slowly worked on the surface along a main lake bank on Lake Cumberland at 3 a.m. in early May could provoke a reaction from a striped bass that feels like it could rip your arm off your shoulder.

The savagery of a surface strike from a striped bass on a late spring night on Lake Cumberland is one of the outdoor experiences that sears into the brain, leaving a lifelong scar that itches every May.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the repair work on Wolf Creek Dam in the past year and the lake level is inching its way back up, making the striped bass happy.

"It looks full to the eye," said John Williams, southeastern fisheries district biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "I think it is going to be a really good year for striped bass fishing."

Now, with lake levels approaching the historic summer pool, the stripers are gorging themselves.

"The striped bass are much healthier this year with better body condition and better growth," Williams said. "Most anglers will notice a significant increase in size this year over last year. They grew better last year than the year before and I think the water quality is even better this year."

Williams said population sampling for striped bass revealed a good population of fish from 25 to 32 inches long. "A couple of years ago, it was all 22 to 25 inchers," he explained. "I don't think they will be throwing many back this year."

Currently, a 22-inch minimum size limit with a two fish daily creel limit is in effect on striped bass in Lake Cumberland.

Anglers right now are catching striped bass in the back of creeks by trolling live shad or alewives on down rods or planer boards from 5 to 25 feet deep. Stripers are also striking white doll flies cast to the banks in the creeks.

Live shad or alewives fished on the bottom on secondary points in the creeks also draw striped bass right now. Williams said they saw many stripers along the face of the dam recently during large-mouth bass population sampling.

The night fishing bite is just starting.

"The baitfish haven't really come up yet, so the night fishing for stripers hasn't really taken off," Williams explained. "They are catching some right

Kentucky Afield



KENTUCKY AFIELD PHOTO

Fisheries technician Ryan Kausing holds a large striped bass from the Lake Cumberland tailwater. After several down years due to the drawdown of Lake Cumberland for repair work on Wolf Creek Dam, the striped bass fishery in the lake is rapidly improving. All signs point toward the world class striped bass fishing in Lake Cumberland returning in a few years.

now, but the cooler nights we've had will spread out the night bite out longer this year."

The lower lake levels during the drawdown impacted the regionally renowned night fishing for striped bass on Lake Cumberland. The areas where striped bass at night used to pin spawning alewives and shad against the surface and rip through them changed during the drawdown.

"If the bait is not there, the stripers will not be there," said Ryan Oster, fisheries program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

"I believe that many of those bluff banks that people used to fish became more of a sloping bank during the drawdown. They didn't draw the spawning baitfish like before."

Night striper anglers toss 5- to 7-inch medium-depth running crankbaits such as the Rapala Sliver along bluffs, steep banks and deep points earlier in the season. Stripers move progressively shallower as April moves into May, but always listen for the sound of striped bass hitting the surface.

Fish & Wildlife gets new commissioner

Former longtime federal conservation executive Gregory Johnson was selected Friday to lead Kentucky's wildlife agency, which was tainted by an ethics scandal involving its former commissioner. Gregory Johnson was the unanimous choice of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission at a special meeting at Frankfort. The 58-year-old hunter and angler becomes only the eighth commissioner in the department's 70-year history.

Johnson's credentials include a long career in conservation efforts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "This is not just work or a job for me," he said. "Fish and wildlife conservation is what I have been committed to my whole life."

Jonathan Gassett resigned as the agency's commissioner last September during an ethics investigation.

Johnson will begin work May 16 in overseeing an agency with an approximately \$52 million annual budget. The agency regulates and promotes hunting and fishing in a state where both activities are cherished traditions.

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Stripers often hook themselves from their fierce strike, but resist the temptation to set the hook immediately.

Feel the weight of the fish before setting the hook. Large walleye, many of them well over 5 pounds, often hit these lures at night as well. If you set the hook too fast, you will lose the walleye. If you miss one and the lure has sharp scratch marks on it, you just lost a walleye.

"The night fishing usually lasts up until the end of May and sometime into June, but I think it will last longer this year," Williams said. "Night striper anglers now have to contend with all of the flooded trees that make it difficult to cast a lure to the bank. The fish are there, but finding the right bank that you can effectively fish is key."

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Tracksters compete in Murray

The girls and boys Panther track teams finished in 7th and 4th place, respectively, at the All-Comers Meet held April 29 at Murray High School.

The Panther boys scored 75 points, beating teams from Ballard Memorial (5th), Fulton County (6th), Calloway County (7th), St. Mary (8th), Mayfield (9th), Caldwell County (10th) and Lyon County (11th).

Murray High won the meet with 155 points, followed by Marshall County with 100 and Graves County with 78.

The Panther girls scored 25 points, beating teams from Caldwell County (8th), St. Mary (9th), Ballard Memorial (10th), Lyon County (11th) and Trigg County (12th).

Murray High also won the girls meet with 139 points. They were followed by Marshall County, Calloway County, Graves County, Fulton County and Mayfield.

Individual results for the Panthers are:

Girls 4x800 meter relay, 4th, 13:37.72 (Kaylee Simpson, Cameron Riley, Kristian Ford and Brooklyn Cotton).

Boys 4x800 meter relay, 4th, 10:13.19 (Dakota Ford, Seth Dismang, Dylan Simpson and Isiah Abbott).

Girls 100-meter hurdles: Christina Hamby, 10th, 22.04.

Boys 110-meter hurdles: Austin Bruce, 1st, 18.83; Jon Williams, 3rd, 20.83; Hunter Dyer, 5th, 21.89.

Girls 100-meter dash: Madison Garrett, 21st, 18.12; Marlee Burden, 22nd, 18.38; and Leah Smiley, 23rd, 19.70.

Boys 100-meter dash: Austin Bruce, 9th, 12.62; Tanner Weir, 17th, 13.08; and Jacob Messamore, 21st, 13.83.

Boys 4x200 meter relay, 7th, 1:49.67 (Dakota Ford, Jacob Messamore, Dylan Simpson and Tanner Weir).

Girls 1600-meter run: Brooklyn Cotton, 8th, 6:50.06 and Kaylee Simpson, 9th, 6:51.02.

Boys 1600-meter run: Isiah Abbott, 12th, 5:38.52; Ryne Bruch, 15th, 5:50.27; Christian Abbott, 17th, 6:24.25; Jett McKnight, 19th, 6:35.88; and Logan McKnight, 21st, 6:43.10.

Boys 4x100 meter relay, 8th, 56.54 (Christian Abbott, Devan Baker, Jacob Messamore and Brad Puckett).

Girls 400-meter dash: Katie Crider, 7th, 1:12.23 and Kristian Ford, 10th, 1:15.89.

Boys 400-meter dash: Dakota Ford, 20th, 1:03.10; Seth Dismang, 23rd, 1:04.56; and Trace Menser, 26th, 1:06.49.

Girls 300-meter hurdles, Christina Hamby, 8th, 1:06.68.

Boys 300-meter hurdles: Austin Bruce, 3rd, 50.16; Jon Williams, 4th, 50.59; and Tanner Weir, 5th, 51.62.

Boys 800-meter run: Isiah Abbott, 12th, 2:33.86; Seth Dismang, 13th, 2:44.20; and Devan Baker, 16th, 3:06.99.

Girls 200-meter dash: Katie Crider, 13th, 30.78 and Alyssa Pugh, 17th, 34.70.

Boys 200-meter dash: Dylan Simpson, 16th, 28.24; Tanner Weir, 18th, 28.84; and Trace Menser, 20th, 29.16.

Girls 3200-meter run, Kaylee Simpson, 2nd, 15:03.71.

Boys 3200-meter run: Ryne Bruch, 3rd, 12:26.75; Jett McKnight, 5th, 14:08.80; and Logan McKnight, 16th, 14:11.27.

Girls 4x400 meter relay, 4th, 5:17.52 (Katie Crider, Alyssa Pugh, Brooklyn Cotton and Kristian Ford).

Boys 4x400 meter relay, 6th, 4:47.77 (Isiah Abbott, Seth Dismang, Dylan Simpson and Dakota Ford).

Girls high jump: Christina Hamby, 4-00 and Leah Smiley, NH.

Boys high jump: Jon Williams, 4th, 5-02 and Hunter Dyer, 9th, 5-00.

Boys long jump, Austin Bruce, 5th, 18-06.

Girls triple jump, Christina Hamby, ND.

Boys triple jump: Hunter Dyer, 7th, 32-03.5 and Jon Williams, 8th, 30-01.

Girls discus throw: Hannah Winters, 10th, 61-03 and Montana Stallins, 16th, 43-09.

Boys discus throw: Devon Hankins, 4th, 99-09; Brad Puckett, 8th, 87-03; and Trace Menser, 17th, 77-07.

Girls shot put: Hannah Winters, 10th, 24-11.5; Caitlynn Moore, 11th, 23-09.5; and Montana Stallins, 19th, 15-02.5.

Boys shot put: Devon Hankins, 14th, 32-01; Steven Bearden, 20th, 25-01; and Alex Sherrill, 21st, 22-10.

Freshman pitcher Erin Woolsey prepares to fire a pitch toward the plate in action last week at Caldwell County. The Panthers lost that game 12-2, but Woolsey pitched a shutout in a 1-0 win over Trigg County on Thursday.

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Woolsey shuts out Trigg 1-0

Freshman Erin Woolsey pitched a shutout for the Panthers in her second varsity start of her career as the Panther softball team picked up their fifth win of the season Thursday, May 1, with a 1-0 win at home against Trigg County.

The Panthers like playing Trigg County on the first day of the month as they won 3-0 on April 1 at Trigg County.

Woolsey struck out five, walked four and hit one batter for the win. The defense was outstanding behind her, committing no errors.

The Panthers lone run was scored in the third inning. With one out, Savannah Bean bunted and reached on an error. She moved around the bases on steals, passed balls and wild pitches to score the only run of the game.

It's good the Panther defense was so good, because the offense was non-existent. No Panther reached base on a hit.

The first two batters for the Panthers reached on walks and moved to second and third, but the next three batters made outs, two by striking out.

"We left some people on base and couldn't move runners," head coach Kent Workman said. "Erin and our defense came through."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Trigg County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Panthers	0	0	1	0	0	0	x	1

Softball falls at North, Caldwell

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Tigers took advantage of 13 Panther errors to win 12-2 in five innings.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 5-9 on the season and winless in the district.

Caldwell scored five runs in the first on six errors; three in the second on two errors; and four in the fourth on five errors.

The Panthers scored their runs in

the top of the fifth, needing three to keep the game from being over.

Woolsey didn't strike out or walk any batters, but did hit two.

The Panthers had five hits, one each by Reagan Riggs, Savannah Bean, Jennifer McCraw, Kayla Bigham and Kianna Hooper.

The Panthers played at Crittenden County yesterday (the score was not known at press time), and will play at Lyon County tomorrow. McLean

County will make a trip to Dawson Springs to face the Panthers in a scheduled doubleheader Friday, and Hopkinsville comes to town Monday.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mad.-North	3	12	x					15

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Panthers	0	0	0	0	2			2
Caldwell Co.	5	3	0	4	x			12

Union sweeps baseball doubleheader

Union County, the third best team in the region according to win-loss records, swept a doubleheader from the Panthers May 2 at Riverside Park.

The Panthers' record slipped to 1-20, while Union County improved to 15-11.

In the first game, the Panthers played the Braves pretty close early, until the sixth inning. Union County scored two in the first, one in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth for an 8-0 lead.

However, the wheels came off for the Panthers in the sixth as Union County erupted for 13 runs off the Panthers and a 21-0 lead.

Panther freshman Dakota Jones started on the mound and pitched well to the powerful Braves through five innings. Ryan Bardin entered the game in relief.

The Panther offense was non-existent as no runner reached base. Union County junior hurler Lewis Garnett threw a perfect game in facing the minimum number of batters.

"They have 10 seniors and are no joke," Panther head coach Brady Brooks said.

In the second game, the Panthers played lots of junior varsity players and lost 31-0 in five innings.

Union County scored three in the first; seven in the second; one in the third; four in the fourth; and 16 in the fifth as they went through their batting order more than two times.

Austin Hart, Devan Baker and Kevin Brooks pitched for the Panthers. Gage Brewer and Hart each had a hit.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Union Co.	2	1	2	1	2	13		21
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R
Union Co.	3	7	1	4	16			31
Panthers	0	0	0	0	0			0



Above, right fielder Taylor Edwards makes a catch during Monday's game against Crittenden County at Riverside Park. At right, Dakota Jones pitches during the contest.





12U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Angels.....	0	0	-
Cardinals.....	0	0	-
Diamondbacks.....	0	0	-
Marlins.....	0	0	-
Mets.....	0	0	-
Rangers.....	0	0	-
Reds.....	0	0	-
Tigers.....	0	0	-

10U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Angels.....	0	0	-
Cardinals.....	0	0	-
Braves.....	0	0	-
Cubs.....	0	0	-
Mariners.....	0	0	-
Pirates.....	0	0	-

West Division			
	W	L	GB
Cardinals.....	0	0	-
Rangers.....	0	0	-
Red Sox.....	0	0	-
White Sox.....	0	0	-
Yankees.....	0	0	-

8U BASEBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Braves.....	0	0	-
Cardinals.....	0	0	-
Cubs.....	0	0	-
Diamondbacks.....	0	0	-
Dodgers.....	0	0	-
Marlins.....	0	0	-
Mets.....	0	0	-
Rangers.....	0	0	-
Red Sox.....	0	0	-
Reds.....	0	0	-
Rockies.....	0	0	-
Royals.....	0	0	-
Yankees.....	0	0	-

12U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Angels.....	0	0	-
Braves.....	0	0	-
Diamondbacks.....	0	0	-
Marlins.....	0	0	-
Mets.....	0	0	-
Tigers.....	0	0	-
Twins.....	0	0	-

10U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
Cardinals.....	0	0	-
Dodgers.....	0	0	-
Giants.....	0	0	-
Marlins.....	0	0	-
White Sox.....	0	0	-

* The Lyon County Angels team folded. The 10U softball league schedule will remain the same, with games against the Angels becoming byes for the remaining teams.

8U SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	GB
A's.....	0	0	-
Angels.....	0	0	-
Braves.....	0	0	-
Cardinals.....	0	0	-
Dodgers.....	0	0	-
Pirates.....	0	0	-
Rangers.....	0	0	-
Rays.....	0	0	-

Standings as of Sunday, May 4.

12U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Caldwell County Teams

ANGELS
Coach: Jason Oliver
Players: Kelsie Adams, Nicole Cravens, Makayla Darnell, Jaycee Jones, Emily Kirk, Kyle McGowan, Makayla Munsell, Peyton Oliver, Keli Reynolds, Keri Reynolds, Lillian Rust, Elizabeth Wright.

BRAVES
Coach: Allen Dixon
Players: Kasandra Abrams, Brianna Cavanaugh, Kyra Dearing, Hana Dixon, Sydney Grant, Alayna Grissom, Jessica Jones, Alia Leitner, Karen Louk, Dayle-Lynn Murphy, Anna Turpin, Alexis Wynn.

TWINS
Coach: Bryan Jagers
Players: Gracie-Rae Beckner, Chloe Campbell, Ashlynn Dearing, Amy Farmer, Danielle Flowers, Abigail Griggs, Jacey Jagers, Jenna Jagers, Kylee James, Chansey Markham, Kayle McEnaney, Ja'Lyn White.

Crittenden County Teams

DIAMONDBACKS
Coach: Robin Curnel
Players: Hannah Bell, Sharon Collins, Cortne Curnell, Jaycie Driver, Sophia Gatten, Kacie Easley, Josie Tapp, Ellie McGowan, Kenlee Perryman.

METS
Coach: Timmy Todd
Players: Skye Tercero, Christa Sisco, Autumn Derby, Alivia Parrent, Destiny Knight, McKenzie Watson, Trinity Hayes, Jaylin Blackburn, Kirsten Deboe.

Dawson Springs Teams

MARLINS
Coach: Lisa Peek
Assistant coach: Michelle Travis
Players: Baylee Peek, Jacy Travis, Mia Skinner, Mattie Fain, Marissa Foe, Vanissa Williams, Macy Adams, Lexi Blanton, Kara Trover, Ivory Tackett, Megan Morgan, Zoe Howton, Marlee Burden.

TIGERS
Coach: Amy Elam
Assistant coach: Michael Jones
Players: Brooklyn Giffin Jones, Keelyn Riggs, Kelsea Sizemore, Hannah Funkhouser, Madison Spurlin, Shelby Elkins, Amber Putman, Alyssa Gray, Skyler Garrison, Cindy Solomon, Anna Cummings, Rachel Morse.

10U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Caldwell County Teams

WHITE SOX
Coach: Jamie Richardson
Players: Jillian Choate, Autumn Dennison, Audrey Hensley, Audrey Kinslow, Kathryn Menser, Siya Patel, Kendra Richardson, Allison Riley, Emily Sherrill, Jostasya Sykes, Jessica Wright.

DODGERS
Coach: Malissa Thomas
Players: Takyrhelle Boyd, Alayna Cannon, Madelyn Griggs, Madison Guill, Elaina Hopkins, Kylie Meeks, Lilly Paul, Jourdan Romhill, Savannah Scott, Kania Sims, Lexie Teague, Kynady Thomas.

Crittenden County Teams

CARDINALS
Coach: Mandy Hunt
Players: Macie Hunt, Karsen Shouse, Addyson Kirby, Hailey McCann, McKenzie Myers, Callie Brown, Hadlee Rich, Alyssa Woodall, Chloe Weathers, Jalylenn Hackney, Riley Smith.

MARLINS
Coach: Chad Perryman
Players: Nahla Callaway, Lilly Perrman, Raylee Belt, Belle Minton, Isabella Holliman, Kate Keller, Jacey Frederick, McKenzie Quertermous, Callie Dempsey, Abby Kirk.

Dawson Springs Team

GIANTS
Coach: Emily Abbott
Assistant coach: Carol Dismang
Players: Emily Abbott, Trinity Randolph, Kamryn Sizemore, Vanessa Tackett, Brooklyn Clark, Rachael Young, Chloe Shrum, Julia Wilson, Payton Garrison, Kaleigh Hauk, Lyndsie Morse, Abigail Ward, Allie Jones, Desiree Hunt.

12U BASEBALL LEAGUE

Caldwell County Teams

ANGELS
Coach: Chris Turpin
Players: Russ Beshear, Ethan Cotton, Cayden Fraliex, Jordan Hammett, Layton Hammett, Devin Kilgore, Max Kramer, Seth Slayton, Christopher Turpin, Nicholas White.

DIAMONDBACKS
Coach: Jerry Lacy
Players: Michael Blackburn, Aaron Cotton, Dylan Dawson, Isaac Fralix, Brian Gill, Dalton Haney, Aaron Hensley, Benjamin Holt, Trace Lacy, Landon Pace.

MARLINS
Coach: Randy Stallins
Players: Cameron Baker, Jesse Lamb, Lucas Nelson, Taylor Oliver, Barrett Schultz, Dalton Simons, Matthew Stallins, Christopher Wall, Deontaye Walls, Avery Warfield.

METS
Coach: Steve Smiley
Players: Jacob Clark, Jude East, Preston Nichols, Tate Ray, Travion Samuel, Nicholas Sherrill, Cole Smiley, Logan Teague, Tate VanHooser, Aaron Ziobro.

Crittenden County Teams

CARDINALS
Coach: Michael Hunt

Players: Gavin Hunt, Tate Roberts, Cole Swinford, Jasper Morrison, Jayden Carlson, Daley Deboe, Jimmy Newland, Zack Weathers, Gavin Davidson, Benjamin Evans.

RANGERS
Coach: Phillip Bradham
Players: Justin Phillips, Ethan Shaffer, Riley Gobin, Caleb Estes, Dougie Conger, Kyren Rozwalka, Colyn Bradham, Seth Jackson, Lathan Easley, Hunter Jones, Dougie Congers.

Dawson Springs Team

TIGERS
Coach: Tommy Moore
Assistant coach: Dan Jones
Players: Talon Moore, Ethan Jones, Braxton Cotton, Brennan Cunningham, Ethan Stuart, Logan McKnight, Skylar Loch, Ethan Summers, Will Simmons, Angel Mendoza, Charles Abbott.

Lyon County Team

REDS
Coach: John Bingham
Players: Austin Long, Dallas Nichols, Calvin Hooks, Nick Whalin, Brody Williams, Gunnar Bingham, Josh Wright, Clay Haines, William Padilla, Cory Cissell, Jonathan Downing, Josh Cissell, Jackson Shoulders.

10U BASEBALL LEAGUE

Caldwell County Teams

ANGELS
Coach: Andy Davis
Players: Logan Chambliss, Barrett Darnell, Landon Davis, Layton Davis, Benjamin Goodaker, Kaleb Groves, Camden McGregor, Weston Phelps, Joshua Rogers, Quinton Shockley, Gunnar Simpson.

BRAVES
Coach: John Stevens
Players: Gavin Board, Gabriel Dyer, Ian Farmer, Marcos Gonzalez, Dylan Harris, Christian Jones, Dylan Leitner, Grayden Miller, Canyon Richardson, Jack Stevens, Ethan Trotter, Blake Vivrette.

CUBS
Coach: Eric Goodwin
Players: Barrett Cotton, Evan Flear, Zachary Goodwin, Stephen Graham, Sage Grant, Jeremiah Herrell, James Jones, Connor King, Hunter Newsom, Nate Noel, Brayden Stanley, Morgan Wright.

Crittenden County Teams

WHITE SOX
Coach: Chris Evans
Players: Ben Evans, Holden Cooksey, Logan Young, Hunter Hopper, Jack Reddick, Brian Nelson, Seth Blackburn, Wesley Fritts, Tucker Sharp, Ethen Hunt.

RANGERS
Coach: Casey Winstead
Players: Trace Derrington, Jacob Suggs, Cameron Suggs, Maddox Carlson, Hayden Adamson, Sammy Impastato, Coleman Stone, Bryson Baker, Dalton Collins, Jake Drawdy.

8U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Caldwell County Teams

A's
Coach: Tyler Beshear
Players: Alyvia Barnwell, Ella Beshear, Lainey Beshear, Alesa Conger, Ja'Khia Copeland, Brooklyn Croft, Alyssa McCallister, Clara Ort, Ella Patterson, Ali Southard, Maci Tyler.

DODGERS
Coach: Ryan Perry
Players: Morgan Aikins, Kianna Ferguson, Ahjareece Hollowell, Ashlee Ladd, Kaylee Ladd, Hannah Lowery, Sydney McKinney, Lilly Perry, Katy Smiley, Rylee Thompson.

PIRATES
Coach: Ginger Ames
Players: Macey Ames, Mackenzey Copeland, Abigail Cummins, Lainey Frisch, Harper Holeman, Allie Holt, Delanna Jones, Emma Koscho, Laney Stallins, Avery Wells.

RAYS
Coach: Layne Ramey
Players: Haley Dalton, Emma Dearing, Jacqueline Farmer, Kennedy Hughes, Makenzie McConnell, Cordie Murphy, Ellie Ramey, Annabelle Rushing, Marissa Smith, Alicia Stanley.

Crittenden County Teams

ANGELS
Coach: Stephen Smith

Players: Riley Smith, Brylee Conyer, Aubre Conyer, Emily Mattingly, Kaylee Hewitt, Ashley Little, Hannah Mott, Ali Hollis, Sierra Patrick, Layla Winn, Sydney Harkins, Chloe Rozwalka, Kayla Fay.

BRAVES
Coach: Tony Perryman
Players: Katie Perryman, Jacie Champion, Jaylie Champion, Carla Travis, Kailyn Stokes, M.Rachel Stephens, Kayleih Weathers, Sophia Watson, Carly Porter, Jasmine Wooley, Georgia Holeman, Mia Hope Hackney.

Dawson Springs Team

RANGERS
Coach: Chris Hill
Assistant coach: Dusty Vinson
Players: Maria Young, Ruby Hilt, Krysten Tossi, Briana Tossi, Gracie Barnett, Madison Brandon, Emma Larose, Shelby Catts, Aubrey Hickerson, Makayla McBride, Baily Coates, Graclyn Haynes, Haven Stevenson, Kylie Vincent, Haylie Oldham.

Lyon County Team

CARDINALS
Coach: Danielle Newell
Players: Isabel Lady, Maggie Duff, Kylie Snider, Kandise Cotton, Emily Murphy, Baily Breitrick, Avdrionna Harris, Courtney Shank, Tavionna Edwards, Madeline Sherill.

8U BASEBALL LEAGUE

Caldwell County Teams

BRAVES
Coach: John Stevens
Players: Williams Cummins, Trayton Freeman, Ethan Hodges, Isaac Lane, Corbin Nichols, Timothy Nichols, Case Ort, Cade Rowland, Drew Stevens, Eli Stevens, Wyatt Trotter, Layton Wall.

CARDINALS
Coach: Kyle Rogers
Players: Preston Birrell, Logan Brown, Skyler Cooper, Joseph Cunningham, Potter Gray, Kaden Heaton, Easton Kizzee, Cannon Littlejohn, Cason Littlejohn, Cameron McDaniel, Preston Rogers.

RED SOX
Coach: Coach Jeff Bard
Players: Aiden Asher, Blake Bard, Matthew Blackburn, Charles Campbell, Parker Dixon, Ethan Franklin, William Goodman, Brandon McCoy, Gavin McGowan, Jacob Towery, Jayvian Turner.

ROYALS
Coach: Torey Hammett
Players: Jon Beavers, Aiden Graham, Graham Grissom, Ryan Hammett, Daniel Laurent, Austin Markham, Luke Parker, Rudra Patel, Bradley Peters, Cole Sherrill, John Turpin.

YANKEES
Coach: Chris Lantrip
Players: William Cortner, Timothy Darnell, Dorian Fox, Cofy Harris, Christopher Lantrip, Jason Lowery, Donaven Miles, Colton Mullins, Joseph Palm, Cody Pruit, Demaurius Thompson, Kaden Wright.

Crittenden County Teams

DIAMONDBACKS
Coach: Aaron Summers
Players: Quinn Summers, Jonah Reddick, Kaiden Travis, Jeremiah Foster, Travis Bull, Bennett McDaniel, Jantzen Fowler, Kyler Goodwin, J. Cotton.

MARLINS
Coach: Tony Belt
Players: Brady Belt, Casey Cates, Avery Belt, Kaleb Nesbitt, Chase Conyer, Gabe Keller, Tyler Smith, Ethan Rhodes, David Fritts, Jason Millikan, Dorian King.

METS
Coach: Aaron Belt
Players: Tyler Belt, Case Gobin, Gatten Travis, Jaxon Hatfield, Briley Berry, Jake Hoover, Teague Millikan, Nicholas Pendley, Joey Myers, Landon Curry, Tucker Riley.

REDS
Coach: Jared Champion
Players: Travis Champion, Evan Belt, Caden Deboe, Levi Piper, Turner Sharp, Tanner Crawford, Andrew Candelarior, Trey McLean, Trace Scott, Keifer Watson, Braden Brasher.

Dawson Springs Team

CUBS
Coach: Ryan Cook
Assistant coach: Mike Cook
Players: Ashton Cook, Bobby Jo Cotton, Christopher Morgan, Dakota Berry, Jacob Purdy, Brett Reynolds, William "Cody" Cullen, Grayson Pleasant, Ashton Rawlins, Kolby Crook, Logan Werley, Caleb Stringfield, Colton Dismang.

Lyon County Teams

DODGERS
Coach: Bill Dycus
Players: Ryan Dycus, Grayson Smallwood, Jackson Brown, Connor Brown, Isaac Defew, Chris Wellham, Braxton Tubbs, David Kraft, Devon Messamore, Andrew Sharp, Tyler Ketchey, Beary Cotton, David Patton.

RANGERS
Coach: Scott Hurst
Players: Turner Hurst, A.J. Padilla, D.J. Peek, Dakota Robinson, John Ryder Bingham, Dylan Yates, Keegan Downing, Trace Walker, Jackson Crawford, Ethan Gates, Hunter Patterson.

ROCKIES
Coach: Michael Wiggins
Players: Grant Wiggins, Zach Radivonyk, Lucas Shuggs, Kyle Jackson, William Coleman, Carson Collins, Cooper Collins, Sean Perry, Luke Burchett, Kadin Riley, Kayden Patterson.

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"This 17-cent expenditure under 'Miscellaneous' isn't itemized!"

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MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET A SECOND JOB.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET A FIRST ONE.

OUT ON A LIMB by Gary Kopervas

HOW YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF CANNONBALLS

WHAT'S THAT?

MY PAJAMA BOTTOMS ROLLED UP INTO A BALL.

RFD by Marland

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MOM!

WHATTA YA WANNA DO TODAY, MAY?

IT'S YOUR DAY, HONEY -- PICK ANYTHING YA WANT, ANYTHING!

BEARIN' IN MIND THAT THIS IS A WORKIN' FARM AND OUR NEXT MILKIN' IS IN ABOUT SEVEN HOURS!

AMBER WAVES by Dave T. Phipps

MOM, I'VE GOT ALL MY GEAR TOGETHER. I'M OFF TO SEE ALL THAT THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER.

I'VE GOT MY PILLOW AND PAJAMAS, FLASHLIGHT TWO SANDWICHES AND FOUR DOLLARS.

AS AN EXPLORER I PLAN TO MAKE SEVERAL GREAT DISCOVERIES. DON'T WORRY I WILL KEEP IN TOUCH.

I GET THE FEELING MOST OF THE GREAT EXPLORERS WERE ALLOWED TO GO BEYOND THEIR OWN FRONT YARD.

MAGIC MAZE ● — BREAKFAST

R R P M J G R E W O P D A X F
V S D Q N T K I O F R D A U X
V T Q E H O H M R J A H L E F
C A Y G K W U G K R Y L P K N
L J I T C O N T I N E N T A L
H L F D N I O B N N R Z X C V
T R Q O D A M C G K D O I N H
D N A D E B T L F D O I F A B
Z Y E W V T I S R Q G O M P N
L W K I H S S E N I S U B F U
D C A Z H X W Y L I A D V U S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Continental	Full English	Pancake	Wedding
Cooked	Instant	Power	Working
Daily	Light	Prayer	

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7				6			4
		9	5		8		7
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		8			3		2
4			8			1	
		4		7			5 6
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	3			8			4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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MISTER BREGER by Dave Breger

"Now, when did you first realize that you just couldn't make decisions...?"

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

OH HONEY, I WAS CHECKING OUR EMAILS ON THE NEW LAPTOP YOU INSISTED WE NEEDED FOR YOUR JOB. IT SEEMS YOU ARE STILL THE HIGH BIDDER FOR A STAR TREK PHASER REPLICA.

TRIVIA TEST

1. GEOGRAPHY: What two bodies of water does the Strait of Hormuz link?
2. MEDICINE: What would a patient with "ankylosis" be suffering from?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Mrs. Dalloway"?
4. FAMOUS QUOTES: What famous military leader once said, "Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever"?
5. AD SLOGANS: What company's logo advised consumers to "put a tiger in your tank"?
6. TELEVISION: What phrase was on the UFO poster in Agent Mulder's office in "The X-Files"?
7. MOVIES: What kind of candy did the boy use to lure the extraterrestrial in "E.T."?
8. LANGUAGE: A "jarhead" is slang for what kind of military personnel?
9. MUSIC: What kind of musical instrument is a sitar?
10. GEOLOGY: What kind of landform is described as a flat-topped hill with steep sides?

Answers

1. Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
2. A stiff joint
3. Virginia Woolf
4. Napoleon Bonaparte
5. Esso/Exxon
6. "I Want to Believe"
7. Reese's Pieces
8. A U.S. Marine
9. A lute
10. A butte

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SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Locale of the Taj Mahal
5 Luggage bit
8 Vietnam War's — offensive muscles
11 Crunched
14 Urge (on)
18 Let out the secret
19 Turn loose
21 Knock on the noggin
22 Walking stick
23 Cereal grain big enough to be seen?
26 Boy on "The Andy Griffith Show"
27 "You've got —!"
28 Aunt or uncle: Abbr.
29 Lunatics on the schedule?
31 Consoling comment
34 Buckets
36 Ironing line
37 Joy felt by a warmonger?
39 Bashful
40 Took in food
41 Traffic snarls
42 — mo (replay speed)
44 Corporate shuffle, for short
49 Comfily warm
52 Second attempt at a phone call?
55 "Glee" guy in a wheelchair
56 Start for history
58 "What am — think?"
59 Riddle
60 Love, to Luigi
62 Army greetings
65 With 114-Down, army affirmative
66 Rule-following corporation division?
71 Apple computer line
72 Goes over
73 Choir stand
74 Best possible conditions
77 — Bo (exercise system)
78 Lemon drink
79 Bobby of "battle of the sexes" tennis
83 Directives to slow down?
87 Cover with new paint
88 Auctions, e.g.
89 Hosp. areas
90 Evening party
93 Ending for schnozz
94 Ewe or sow
96 Part of the week that triggers something?
99 — party (teen bash)
103 1983 Woody Allen title role
105 Princess in Disney's "Enchanted"
106 Pit where splinters are extracted?
108 Move hastily
110 "— Lucy"
112 Penne — vodka
113 Two things of concern to a math-loving nurse?
117 Buckets
118 Requiring no Rx
119 Record one's exit
120 — Fitness (magazine for guys)
121 Hit 1990s PC game
122 — degree
123 Prior to, to Prior
124 Top-secret U.S. org.
125 One-named deco master
32 Actress Jurado
33 Foreman foe
35 Off. helper
37 — Hari (spy)
38 Entice
39 Apply turf to
42 Exercise for the 11-
43 Dance outfit
45 London-based label
46 Delivery doc
47 Encountered again
48 Mardi —
50 Old Thailand
51 Office fill-in
53 Irks
54 Avian homes
56 — fix
57 Power plant feature
61 Fat substitute brand
62 Noble horse
63 Get a total
64 Ohio county
66 Filmmaker Frank
67 Of base 8
68 Zeroes in on
69 Nothing but
70 Actor Bana
71 Livid crowds
75 '50s prez
76 Question after a separation
78 Unrepaired
80 One taking defeat gracefully
81 Black-tie ball, e.g.
82 Don't exit
84 "— whiz!"
85 Hollywood's Morales
86 Dietary fiber
87 Ump. cousins
91 Continued, as a big fire
92 Yale student
95 Talk about incessantly
96 John of Monty Python
97 Pull back (in)
98 Light up, poetically
99 Holy song
100 Mix of metals
101 Abandons, as a lover
102 "Halt," asea
103 Nada
104 USNA grad.
107 Mongrel dog
109 Roadhouse
111 In — (really existing)
114 See 65-Across
115 Letters after lambdas
116 "Give — go"

DOWN

1 "SOS" band
2 Old Roman arena fighter
3 Very special goody
4 Have — (whoop it up)
5 Invest in
6 Shaker Lee
7 "Hallelujah!"
8 Exhaust tube
9 PC key
10 Doctoral dissertation
11 PLO chief
12 Lightning —
13 Oration
14 Tea biscuit
15 — New Guinea
16 Army outfits
17 Actress Della
20 Summer, in Toulouse
24 "The Time Machine" people
25 Totally
30 Practice performance

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Treatments Not Same for Toe Joint Pain

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am an 82-year-old male. In my younger years, I participated vigorously in sports. As a result, I ended up with a degenerated joint in the big toe of my right foot. Forty years ago, the doctors gave me an artificial joint. Prior to the joint installation, I was in severe pain. After the procedure, I had no pain or problems of any kind with the joint.

My oldest daughter has a bad joint in her big toe that gives her a lot of pain, plus problems walking. Her doctors tell her that they will not replace that joint anymore. Instead they propose to fuse the joint. She would be off her feet for six weeks, and she would have to undergo eight weeks of intensive therapy and learn to walk differently. What's missing here? Why would they not do the procedure for her, when my procedure was so successful? -- A.E.C.

ANSWER: First off, not everyone with a "bad joint" in the big toe -- usually a bunion -- needs surgery. Many people get relief from conservative measures, such as shoe modification, orthotics, night splinting and stretching. However, if pain or difficulty walking persists despite conservative measures, then referral to a foot surgeon is appropriate.

There are more than 150 surgeries described for treatment of bunion deformities. Joint replacement (arthroplasty) is still being done, but a 2005 trial comparing a fusion procedure (arthrodesis) to joint replacement found arthrodesis to have superior pain control. Other studies have found the two procedures to have very similar outcomes.

While I am glad you had such a good outcome, one has to be very careful when comparing one's own treatment with someone else's. There may be subtle differences between you and the other person that you aren't aware of. Or, as may

be in this case, surgery techniques may have changed over time.

The arthritis booklet discusses joint problems like rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and lupus. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Roach -- No. 301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 72, and for the past few weeks I have been fighting a case of hives. The dermatologist has taken me off nearly all meds, as a biopsy shows I have a chemical allergy. The itching is severe. Is there anything other than triamcinolone cream that can calm things down? The hives are large, most of them flat, and most ringed with red. The only meds I take are for diabetes and a thyroid condition, and I've taken them for ages. -- F.L.

ANSWER: I am surprised you aren't taking an antihistamine, like Benadryl or a prescription equivalent.

However, the real issue here is why are you having hives? There are many causes, and the biopsy report, while consistent with chemical allergy, might not be definitive. If the hives last more than six weeks, normally you'd get a series of blood tests, with perhaps some additional follow-up testing if necessary. Sometimes the cause is never found.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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Answers

1. Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
2. A stiff joint
3. Virginia Woolf
4. Napoleon Bonaparte
5. Esso/Exxon
6. "I Want to Believe"
7. Reese's Pieces
8. A U.S. Marine
9. A lute
10. A butte

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Answers

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Announcements

Notices

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PEOPLE

Pennyrile Homemakers To Meet Friday At Park

The Pennyrile Homemakers will meet Friday at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Martha Parsons will be the hostess. The lesson, led by Beverly Seibert and Joyce

Garrett, will be on the art of card making. The thought of the month is an Indian proverb, "All flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today." All ladies are invited.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser To Benefit Alzheimer's

A wine tasting to benefit the Louisville chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. May 31 at Eddy Grove Vineyard in Princeton. Tickets are \$25 per person and include five wine tastings and five appetizers. Participants must be 21 to drink. IDs will be checked. Two paintings, a gift certificate from Eddy Grove and a fun basket will be auctioned. Booths include Mary Kay, Origami Owl, Tupperware, Windy Oaks Farm homemade goat

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BEVERLY SEIBERT stands behind an elaborate table setting at the "Derby for the Darby Luncheon" Saturday, May 3.

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MCC Hosting Info Event For Biomed Tech Syst.

Madisonville Community College is hosting an information event Tuesday for the community to learn more about its biomedical technology systems program. The open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in room 136 of the Brown Badgett Sr. Energy and Advanced Technology Center. The biomedical technology systems program is an option for individuals who want to work in the healthcare environment without direct patient contact. It is designed to train students to repair and maintain a large variety of medi-

cal technologies and systems used in various sectors of healthcare. Upon program completion, the graduate will be prepared for immediate employment as an entry-level healthcare technology management professional and may pursue employment in areas such as hospitals, clinics, home health equipment companies, third-party medical equipment service providers and medical equipment manufacturers. To learn more about the program and/or to schedule a one-on-one visit, phone Joey Jones at 270-824-1759.



BAND director Andy Hall presents the John Phillip Sousa award to Katie Crider at the spring concert Sunday, May 4.

photo by Mike Howton

Spring Sing To Feature Southern Gospel Music

The Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission invites the public to an evening of family-friendly entertainment, light hearted humor and Southern gospel music. The event takes place at 7 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, 426 N. Main St. in Madisonville. The

Spring Sing will feature Aaron Wilburn, humorist, songwriter and inspirational speaker, along with The Childress Family. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but an offering will be accepted. For information, phone 270-821-4171.



COLTON HOLLOMAN adds to his find Thursday, April 17, at Veterans Memorial Park at the library story-hour Easter egg hunt.

Local Students Honored During WKU Ceremony

Two Dawson Springs High School graduates were honored during Western Kentucky University's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences awards ceremony April 27. Sheldon Dearing, a 4.0 student in the department of psychology, received the Senior Academic Achievement Award.

Crysta Hicks, an education student, received the Kim Wilkins Scholarship from the Bowling Green Evening Civitan Club. Also honored was Daryl C. Hagan of Henderson who was named the 2014 CEBS Outstanding Graduate Student in the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program.

Registration Underway For MCC Summer Classes

Registration for summer 2014 classes is underway at Madisonville Community College. Four-week intersession classes begin Tuesday and continue until final examinations on June 9. The regular six-week summer session begins June 10 and ends with final examinations July 21. MCC's summer schedule features expanded online course offerings, including general education classes such as biology, communications and English. "Students taking

our local online classes get the best of both worlds," said Dr. Deborah Cox, MCC's chief academic affairs officer. "Students get the convenience of online learning with faculty available to meet with them locally if they have questions." MCC's class schedule is available online at madisonville.kctcs.edu/schedule. For more information contact the enrollment center at 270-824-8621 or www.madisonville.kctcs.edu.



THIS group of Dawson Springs ladies who attended the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville Saturday, May 3, are (from left) Debbie Cansler, Sarah Oglesby, Ann Wallace, Laura Duncan, Stacia Peyton, and Heather Starr.

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WKU Announces Times For Commencements

Western Kentucky University's 175th commencement will take place May 16 and 17. WKU will confer degrees and certificates to approximately 2,200 graduates. The graduate ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. May 16. Three undergraduate ceremonies will take

place May 17 at 9:30 a.m. for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and Ogen College of Science and Engineering, 2 p.m. for Potter College of Arts & Letters and University College, and 6 p.m. for the College of Health and Human Services and Gordon Ford College of Business.

MCC Graduation Exercises Scheduled At Mahr Center

The 2014 graduation ceremonies at Madisonville Community College is scheduled for Friday at the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts. The first ceremony, honoring Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and nursing pro-

gram graduates, begins at 5:30 p.m. The second ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. and will honor Associate in Applied Science and diploma graduates. The community is invited to attend the ceremonies.



A large crowd of parents, relatives, and friends were on hand Sunday afternoon, May 4, to hear the local bands perform at the annual spring concert at Dawson Springs Community Schools.

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